



Legislation Text

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Substitute 1

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A substitute ordinance relating to the permitted use of rain barrels.

225-4-2.5 cr

This substitute ordinance defines a rain barrel as an above-ground prefabricated storage receptacle with an automatic overflow diversion system that collects and stores storm water runoff from the roof of a structure that would have been otherwise routed into a storm drain. A rain barrel must be securely covered, include an inlet screen, have an overflow discharge device and have a convenient and functional means of water withdrawal. The use of a rain barrel is permitted provided the overflow discharge conforms to the requirements of roof rainwater discharge to finished grade or is designed to overflow to a treatment drain or storm water conveyance system. The requirements of roof rainwater discharge to finished grade are as follows:

1. Point of discharge shall be a minimum of 2 feet from a basement or foundation wall of alley property line and 5 feet from all other property lines.
2. Discharge shall flow parallel to or away from the nearest property line.
3. The discharge water shall not discharge to a street, alley or other public way.
4. The discharge water shall not create an icy condition on any pedestrian walkways within or adjacent to the subject premises lot lines.

The Mayor and Common Council of the City of Milwaukee do ordain as follows:

Part 1. Section 225-4-2.5 of the code is created to read:

225-4. Drainage of Yard Areas and Roofs.

2.5 RAIN BARRELS. a. Definition. In this subsection, a rain barrel means an above-ground prefabricated storage receptacle with an automatic overflow diversion system that collects and stores storm water runoff from the roof of a structure that would have been otherwise routed into a storm drain.

b. Rain Barrels Permitted. Rain barrels shall be permitted provided that the overflow discharge conforms to the provisions of s. 225-4-2-a, or is designed to overflow to a treatment drain or storm water conveyance system.

c. Requirements. A rain barrel shall be securely covered, include an inlet screen, have an overflow discharge device sized to adequately convey overflow to the point of discharge and have a convenient and functional means of water withdrawal.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

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Date: _____

IT IS OUR OPINION THAT THE ORDINANCE
IS LEGAL AND ENFORCEABLE

Office of the City Attorney

Date: _____

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